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Note: Bill Dearnaley, assistant press officer at the Episcopal Church Center, is recovering from serious surgery on April 12. Cards and notes may be sent to him at home: 345 East 93rd St., Apt. 10J, New York, NY 10028.

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## CANADIAN BISHOP PLANS ECUMENICAL VISITS

DPS 82095

LONDON (DPS, April 15) -- A Canadian Anglican Bishop is preparing to depart on an historic journey on behalf of the Anglican Communion.

The Rt. Rev. Henry G. Hill, co-chairman of the Anglican-Orthodox Joint Doctrinal Discussions, will visit the Patriarchates of the Oriental Churches in the Middle East and India. This will be the first visit by an official representative of the whole Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church in the United States is a part. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Robert A.K. Runcie, when he was Bishop of St. Albans, was Hill's predecessor as chairmain of the Doctrinal Discussions.

A principal aim is to discuss how the existing relationships with these ancient autonomous Churches may be developed, perhaps through dialogue.

This ecumenical journey has been under discussion for some time. It was suggested by the fourth Anglican Consultative Council in Canada in 1979. The proposal that Hill should undertake the task on behalf of the Anglican Communion received the support of the Primates of the Anglican Communion when they met in Washington, D.C. last year and the fifth Anglican Consultative Council at Newcastle, England. The Archbishop of Canterbury has written to the heads of the Churches concerned to commend Hill's visit. The journey will be in two phases, one beginning probably in May, the other in September.

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The Bishop's itinerary includes visits to the following: Rome, to the Secretariat for Christian Unity; Larnaca, Cyprus, Archbishop of Kitium (Greek Orthodox); Damascus, the Holy Patriarchate of Antioch; Jerusalem, Bishop Faik Haddad (Anglican) and the Oriental Churches; Cairo, the Holy Coptic Patriarchate; Addis Ababa, the Holy Ethiopian Patriarchate; Erevan, the Holy Patriarchate of Armenia; Beirut, the Holy Armenian Patriarchate of Antelias; and Bombay, the Holy Orthodox Syrian Church of India.

The tradition of the Oriental Patriarchates is much more rooted in monasticism and the contemplative life than is the western manifestation of Christianity. This will make Hill's visit even more appropriate, as he resigned from the Diocese of Ontario, Canada, in January 1981, and moved into a contemplative community in Montreal. This community is a Roman Catholic Benedictine Priory which is open to Christians of other denominations who wish to gather for the Divine Office, silent meditation, and fellowship. At the time Hill declared, "I am convinced that the association with the Priory can provide yet another precious link between Western Catholicism, Anglicanism and Eastern Orthodoxy in the Benedictine tradition with its roots in the undivided Church."

Commenting on the significance of the historic encounters of his forthcoming trip, Hill stated, "We go as a world-wide Communion on a brotherly visit. We wish to talk with them about possibilities of theological dialogue. We do not, as yet, know if they want such a relationship. We also want to explore ways in which we can serve each other in a fraternal manner."

He added, "Many of the leaders of the Oriental Churches was educated in England so they have individual personal relationships with the Church of England, but this the first move by the whole Anglican Communion to raise the possibility of official dialogue."

Archbishop Edward W. Scott, Primate of Canada and a long-time friend of Hill, commented: "Bishop Hill goes as a representative of the world-wide Anglican Communion to indicate to the Oriental Churches our sense of fellowship with them. We realize the difficulties these Churches face in maintaining a Christian presence in the geographical area which saw the birth of our Faith. By the Bishop's visit we express our identity with them as they exercise their unique ministry and mission."

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GRANTS AID  
REFUGEES, OTHERS

DPS 82096

NEW YORK (DPS, April 15) -- Five emergency grants for a total of \$31,500 have been made by the Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to meet a variety of needs in the United States, the Middle East, Tonga and South Africa.

A grant of \$5,000 has been made to the Episcopal Diocese of California for emergency assistance for an Hispanic refugee program at Good Samaritan Community Center in San Francisco. The grant will enable individuals to obtain appropriate employment, to locate housing and to provide an emergency assistance network for refugees in the Bay area. The bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, made the request.

The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia was given \$1,500 in support of an ecumenical "Politics of Hunger" week on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. During the week, students were slated to examine the roots of local and global hunger and to raise religious and ethical questions surrounding their response. The Rt. Rev. Robert B. Hall is bishop of the diocese.

The Fund has provided \$10,000 to assist the Rt. Rev. Faik I. Haddad, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, to purchase a washing machine and a sterilizer for a hospital in Nablus.

Two emergency grants were approved for chaneling through the National Council of Churches' office of Church World Service. A grant of \$5,000 was approved to aid the victims of Cyclone Isaac in Tonga where citizens face many economic difficulties because of damaged churches, schools and other property. This grant is in addition to \$10,000 given directly to Bishop Jabez L. Bryce of the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia in the Church of the Province of New Zealand, in whose area Tonga lies.

The South African Council of Churches is the recipient of a grant of \$10,000 which has been sent through Church World Service. The grant is in support of the Council's humanitarian service programs in the area of relief, rehabilitation, short-term development and refugee/migration. Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu is president of the Council of Churches.

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MOYER RESPONDS TO  
REACTION BY EXECUTIVE

DPS 82097

NEW YORK (DPS, April 15) -- A response has been received by an Episcopal Church executive concerning reaction to a CBS Evening News commentator about Episcopal bishops, in which the commentator said about those on-the-air- remarks, "I was only kidding."

Commentator Bill Moyers, in conversing with Dan Rather on the CBS Evening News on Feb. 15 spoke of contrasts between some officials during the Carter administration. "Hardly a Sunday passed," said Moyers, "that Zbigniew Brezezinski wasn't on one of the interview shows sounding like Muhammad Ali before a championship fight while Cyrus Vance kept to his desk like an Episcopalian bishop counting the collection...."

The Rev. Richard J. Anderson, Executive for Communication at the Episcopal Church Center, wrote to Moyers that "your comment does give what I feel to be an unfair and completely innacurate impression of (the bishops)."

Moyers responded to Anderson: "I guess my attempt at humor failed in certain quarters. I was only kidding. My dear Episcopal friend, Bishop Jonathan Sherman (retired Bishop of Long Island), who lives across the street from me, knows I was kidding. Cy Vance, who heard it and called me just after to joke with me, knew I was kidding. Presbyterians, Baptists, Memmonites, and the couple of grouchy agnostics in the office knew I was kidding."

Moyers added, "I don't mean to be facetious."

Anderson replied to Moyers: "It is good to know that you were only kidding...."

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PICTURE CAPTION

DPS 82098

IMPACT Legislative Briefing (DPS, April 15, 1982)

#82098        Some 500 persons from 18 Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Anglican bodies -- including more than 70 Episcopalians -- came together recently to Washington, D.C., to hear members of Congress and other government leaders speak on urgent national issues. The four-day briefing was sponsored by IMPACT, an interfaith, legislative action network. During the sessions, Bishop William H. Folwell, left, stopped to talk with the Rev. John Lathrop, Columbus, Ohio, director of the hunger network in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Folwell noted that IMPACT "is more of an advocacy group than I had originally realized. It is making a very valuable contribution to our Church's witness across the country." (Photo by Ann Browning).

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NOTE FOR DP SECTION OF MAILING LIST: Please substitute the enclosed photograph (82089/6) for the one by the same code number in the April 8 mailing. This is a more recent photograph of Dr. Charles R. Lawrence, President of the House of Deputies, and should be the one you use or file for future use.

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